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SUBJ: VISIT OF PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE TO FRANCE

1. ON ARRIVAL NIAMEY JULY 1 AFTER 5-DAY VISIT TO FRANCE, PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE CHARACTERIZED TRIP AS SUCCESSFUL AND DISCUSSIONS WITH FRENCH LEADERS AS FRANK AND CANDID.

2. IN AIRPORT INTERVIEW KOUNTCHE SAID:

A) HE HAD TAKEN OPPORTUNITY DURING VISIT TO FRANCE TO OUTLINE NIGER'S DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. IN SHORT TERM THIS INVOLVED INSURING RECOVERY FROM DROUGHT. IN THIS CONTEXT HE WAS GRATEFUL FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE CONTRIBUTED BY FRANCE AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. IN MEDIUM AND LONG TERM NIGER'S GOALS ARE: (1) KANDADJI DAM; (2) DEVELOPMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES: URANIUM, PHOSPHATE AND OIL; (3) IRRIGATION WORKS; (4) NAVIGATION D NIGER RIVER  
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(5) TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING ROADS AND

TRAINS.

B) HE DISCUSSED THESE PROJECTS AND NEEDS FULLY  
WITH FRENCH LEADERS WHO RESPONDED POSITIVELY.

C) HE RAISED WITH SOMAIR PARTNERS QUESTION OF  
BUILDING ROAD FROM TAHOUA TO ARLIT TO FACILITATE  
TRANSPORT OF SUPPLIES AND EXPORT OF URANIUM.

D) HE NOTED WITH SOME SURPRISE THAT NIGER,  
GABON AND ARGENTINA HAD NOT BEEN INVITED TO  
PARTICIPATE IN DELIBERATIONS OF "INSTITUTE OF URANIUM"  
RECENTLY ESTABLISHED IN LONDON AND COMPRISING URANIUM  
PRODUCING COUNTRIES. HE SAID NIGER WAS READY TO  
PARTICIPATE IN CONSORTIUM OF SUCH COUNTRIES TO  
DEVISE STRATEGY TO DEAL WITH CONSUMING COUNTRIES.HECK

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